Warren Buffett donates $6 billion: What drives the world's richest to give away billions?

- **Buffett donates nearly 12.4 million Class B shares of Berkshire Hathaway to five foundations**
- **76 percent of the $6 billion donated to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation ($4.6 billion worth)**
- **Buffett's overall donation to charities crosses $60 billion**
- **Warren Buffett has led Berkshire Hathaway since 1965**

On a summer day that quietly reset the benchmarks of modern philanthropy, Warren Buffett signed over 12.36 million shares of Berkshire Hathaway stock, worth $6 billion, to five foundations. Among his many charitable contributions over the past twenty years, this one was by far the largest.

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